

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

TO USDEL SECRETARY IN LAGOS FLASH

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AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY GABORONE IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY MONROVIA IMMEDIATE

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S E C R E T LUSAKA 1118

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MONROVIA FOR SECRETARY

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJ: RHODESIA: ZAMBIAN REACTION TO LAGOS PROPOSAL

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1420, SECTO 3073, LUSAKA 1114

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER  
WHO IS OUT OF TOWN, HIS DEPUTY AND I CALLED ON MARK  
CHONA MONDAY MORNING AT 10 A.M. TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE  
CONTAINED IN TALKING POINTS REFTELS. CHONA TOOK CAREFUL  
NOTE AS I OUTLINED THE TALKING POINTS. HE REASSURED  
HIMSELF ON HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MALTA II MEETING

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WOULD COME FIRST AND INVOLVE ONLY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.  
AS WE WOULD HAVE ASSUMED BASED ON MY PREVIOUS CONVER-  
SATION WITH HIM (LUSAKA 1114), HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH  
ANY OF THE POINTS RAISED INCLUDING OUR CLEAR STATEMENT  
THAT THE ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE COULD NOT BE CONFINED  
TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS. WHEN I MENTIONED  
FRONT LINE PARTICIPATION IN THE TALKS, CHONA SAID ALTHOUGH

HE HAD NOT GONE TO MALTA, ZAMBIA WAS READY TO THROW ITS FULL WEIGHT BEHIND AGREEMENT IN THE SECOND MALTA CONFERENCE.

2. NOT SURPRISINGLY, CHONA'S ONE QUESTION WAS WHETHER THE MALTA II MEETING WAS CONTINGENT UPON THE SALISBURY GROUP'S AGREEMENT ON AN ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE. WERE WE WILLING TO GO AHEAD ANYWAY WITH MALTA II WHETHER OR NOT SMITH AND HIS GROUP AGREED TO THE ALL PARTIES MEETING? WE REPLIED THAT WE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN THE SALISBURY GROUP'S AGREEMENT TO THE MEETING. THIS WAS NOT A PROPOSAL WHICH HAD BEEN LIGHTLY ENTERED UPON BY PRESIDENT CARTER, SECRETARY VANCE AND FOREIGN MINISTER OWEN. IT WOULD SHORTLY BE MADE PUBLIC AND THE ONUS UPON ANYONE WHO REFUSED WOULD BE CLEAR.  
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